

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 04-07-20

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Alaska  
September 11, 2020

**Effective Date:** 12:00 a.m.  
Saturday, September 21, 2020

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m.  
June 30, 2021 unless  
superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the season for all state Nelchina caribou hunts in Game Management Unit 13 (i.e., YC495, RC561, RC562, CC001, DC475, and DC485) to add additional opportunity from September 21<sup>st</sup> until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:59 pm. The bag limit for all resident hunts remains one caribou. The bag limit for nonresident hunts remains one bull caribou. This emergency order does not affect any other hunting regulation in Unit 13.

### REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.025 (a) (8), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b> (8)	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
Unit 13		
1 caribou per harvest report per regulatory year by community harvest permit only; up to 400 caribou may be taken; or	<b><u>Aug. 10–Sept. 30</u></b> (Subsistence Hunt only) Oct. 21–March 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season
1 caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or	Aug. 10–Aug. 31 (Subsistence Hunt only) <b><u>Sept. 21–Sept. 30</u></b> (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season

	Oct. 21–March 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	
1 caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or	<b><u>Sept. 1–Sept. 30</u></b> (Subsistence Hunt only) Oct. 21–Mar. 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season
1 caribou every regulatory year by youth hunt drawing permit; up to 200 permits may be issued; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 5 <b><u>Sept. 21–Sept. 30</u></b>	No open season
1 caribou every regulatory year by drawing permit; up to 5,000 permits may be issued; or	<b><u>Aug. 20–Sept. 30</u></b> Oct. 21–March 31	No open season
1 bull every regulatory year by drawing permit; up to 200 permits may be issued when the herd is at or above population objectives; ....		<b><u>Aug. 20–Sept. 30</u></b>

All other caribou hunting regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Heidi Hatcher  
Glennallen Area Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The department's July 2020 abundance estimate for the Nelchina caribou herd was 44,500 animals. Quotas were established based on harvestable surplus and anticipated harvest from 2020 permit holders. To maintain the population objective of 35,000–40,000 Nelchina caribou, the department will be extending the season to allow for additional harvest to meet harvest objectives and to maintain a healthy herd. This season extension will also provide additional opportunity to hunters impacted by the federal closure of federal lands in GMUs 13A and 13B.

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